

Senate Resolution 1029

By: Senators Hooks of the 14th and Staton of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Sergeant William Morgan Callahan and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan was born on March 17, 1919, in Taylor County, Georgia to
4 William and Jewell Callahan; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan graduated from Butler High School and continued his
6 education at Georgia Southwestern College and the University of Georgia Cotton
7 Classification School; and

8 WHEREAS, he was drafted in 1941, entered the Army, and was assigned to U.S. Army Air
9 Corps, where he was trained as an air traffic controller and stationed at Pacos Army Air Field
10 in Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, as World War II came to a close Sergeant Callahan was shipped to Madison,
12 Wisconsin to be discharged, and as was the custom there, while waiting for their official
13 discharge soldiers were permitted to go into town each day and earn extra income; on one
14 such day Sergeant Callahan took a construction job and while more than 13 floors up, an act
15 of God caused a gust of wind that blew a sheet of plywood into Sergeant Callahan causing
16 him to fall over the edge of the building to his death; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan was in uniform and still a soldier in the Army at the time of
18 his accident, and he is believed to be the only fatal casualty in south Taylor County during
19 World War II.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the
21 members of this body honor the life and the service of Sergeant William Morgan Callahan.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over the CSX Railroad located in Rupert,
2 Taylor County, Georgia, between mile markers North 5.3 and South 5.2 on US 19/SR 3 be
3 named in his honor.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Sergeant William Morgan
6 Callahan and to the Department of Transportation.